## 120th Avenue Connection



# What is the 120<sup>th</sup> Connection Project?

In April 2015, the Colorado Department of Transportation in conjunction with the City and County of Broomfield began the final phase of work on the 120th Avenue Connection. The two entities completed the first two phases of the 120th Avenue Connection project in 2010. The initial phases of the project constructed a new six-lane portion of State Highway 128 and a bridge over U.S. 36 that connects with Wadsworth Boulevard.

The final phase of the project will complete the construction of the new roadway that will connect SH 128 and 120th Avenue. Prior to this project, motorists in the Broomfield area could only cross U.S. 36 at Wadsworth Parkway. Project plans also include constructing a grade separation at the BNSF Railroad. Jalisco International, Inc. was awarded the contract, which is estimated to be completed in 2018.

#### What's been completed on the project so far?

Most of the work performed on the project has been in preparation for the upcoming road and bridge construction as well as to minimize environmental impacts in the area while construction occurs. Some of the work travelers may have noticed include:

- Median work on 120th Avenue has been performed in preparation for a detour alignment.
- Over 35,000 cubic yards of earth have been moved toward construction of improvements.
- 130 caissons have been installed for the retaining walls and underpass of the roadway. There are 273 caissons of various size planned for the project.
- Work has begun to detour the railroad. When complete, the shoofly detour will allow for construction of the bridge at the current location.





### Colmans Way to Close August 10<sup>th</sup>

As part of overall project design, construction of the 120th Avenue Connection Project requires closure of a portion of Colmans Way. The road will close south of 119th and north of the Broomfield Mobile Home Park. This is a permanent closure. A temporary cul-de-sac turnaround will be installed to the west of the entrance to the mobile home park to assist vehicles servicing the park as well as offer a space for motorists to safely turn around.

This closure has been part of the project design since its inception. In 2010, Broomfield City Council changed the name of this portion of "Old" Wadsworth to Colmans Way in anticipation of the new roadway. Electronic message signs are posted in the area to alert motorists and provide instructions as to alternate routes. Travelers should plan on utilizing Commerce Street to minimize delays and to better navigate the construction zone as shown in the map above.

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